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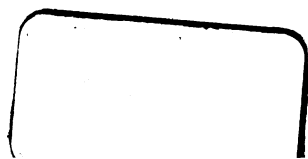
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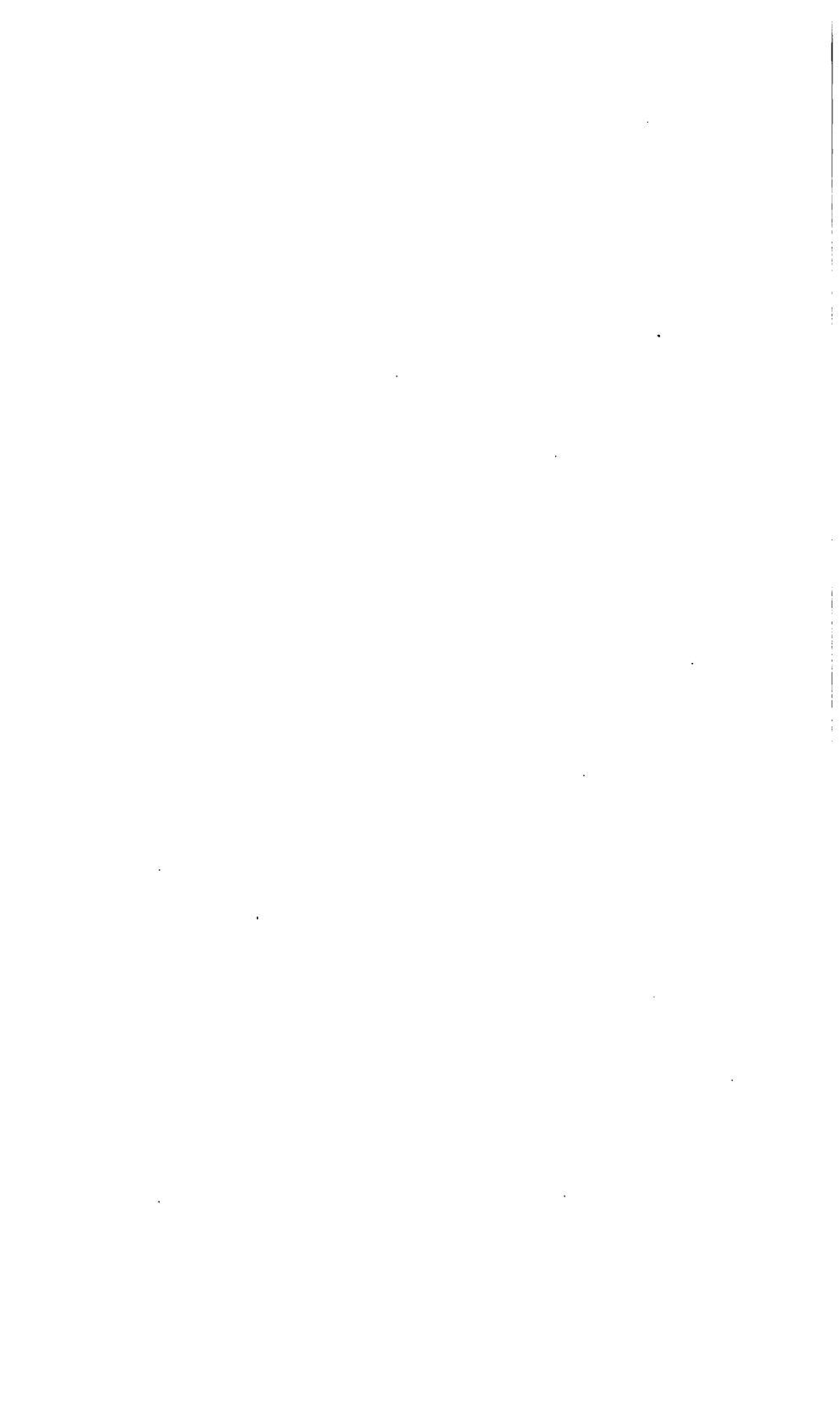


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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Vermont Historical Society,

WITH ACT OF INCORPORATION

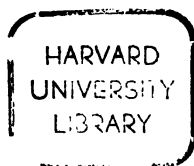
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Catalogue of Officers and Members.



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On motion of Gen'l CLARKE, of Burlington, it was

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be authorized, at the expense of the Society, to publish 500 copies of the Act of Incorporation of this Society, and amendments thereto, with the Constitution and By-Laws adopted at this meeting, together with a list of Members of the Society, with their place of residence, and prepare and publish a circular setting forth at large the objects of the Society, and the purposes of the present Board of Managers, with the view of distributing the same and promoting the usefulness of the Society.

Adopted, November 2, 1859.

REMARKS.

The Board of Managers of The Vermont Historical Society, influenced by an anxious wish to extend its influence and promote its success, beg leave respectfully to request all those who are interested in its design, to co-operate with them at an early day in collecting, preserving and diffusing information relating to the natural and civil history of Vermont in particular, and of American history generally.

The Act of Incorporation of the Society, with the amendments thereto, together with the Constitution and By-Laws, will indicate fully the scope of the Society, and its means of present and prospective usefulness.

It may be proper to say that many of the rarest and most valuable documents and papers belonging to the Society, which had been accumulating since the organization of the Society in 1840, were destroyed by the fire which burned the State House, in January, 1857. Unluckily, these valuable materials were deposited in an upper room in the capitol, and were not so accessible as the State Library. This unfortunate circumstance is alluded to as a justification for urging all interested to commence with energy the work of collecting *without delay* for future preservation whatever may tend to elucidate the past civil and natural history of the State.

It should be a source of gratification to every thoughtful Vermonter, that the General Assembly, at the October Session, 1859, passed an act by which a convenient and spacious room in the State House was appropriated to this Society, for the preservation of its Library and Cabinet, and for the business purposes of the Society, inasmuch as such a grant renders nearly impossible the future loss by fire of valuable materials which may be collected under its auspices.

Within the State of Vermont, we have no public collection of public documents and natural productions, by which the civil, literary, ecclesiastical and natural history of the State of Vermont can be fully illustrated. It is the design of this Society, and the purpose of the Board of Managers, to supply this desideratum at an early

day. Much can be secured *now* that could not be secured a quarter or a half century hence.

We are compelled to rely wholly upon voluntary contributions to the Society's Cabinet and Library. The State has furnished a suitable room for their preservation and exhibition, and we earnestly and confidently appeal to our fellow citizens of Vermont, and literary friends elsewhere, for their generous donations. Experience has fully proved that this could not be done by individual effort. Nothing but a concert of action and a cultivation of a taste for historical research and preservation can accomplish the object.

That all may see the nature of the collection we desire to make, preserve and exhibit, we beg leave to say that we especially desire the following :

1. Journals of the General Assembly; records of the proceedings of Constitutional and other Conventions and Committees of Safety; early and recent session laws, and official reports on all subjects which have been published by authority, and especially all journals and early reports made by the Councils of Censors.

2. Reports in regard to crime and health; statistics of births, deaths, marriages, the deaf, dumb and blind; accounts of special epidemics; copies of medical journals and reports; Catalogues of Medical and other Colleges.

3. Sketches of the histories of towns and counties; for whom named, together with maps, surveys, charters, and whatever relates to the civil history, topography and geography of the State of Vermont, and especially the events in Indian or early history for which any part of the State is remarkable.

4. Meteorological observations; reports of geological, mineralogical, botanical and topographical surveys, and everything or publication relating to the natural history of Vermont.

5. The earliest notices of Indian tribes within our boundaries; their manners and customs, religion and language; their battles and skirmishes; the Indian name of rivers, hills, islands, bays and other places, with the traditions attached to the same, together with their monuments and relics, such as arms, implements, works of art, dress, ornament, &c.

6. Sketches of the lives of all eminent and remarkable persons who have lived in Vermont, or were connected with its history; original journals, letters, documents and papers illustrating the same, or of our ancestors generally. We especially desire to have contributions of narratives and statements of old men and early settlers

still living, but who must soon pass away, giving any facts within their knowledge shedding light on our early annals, and including biographical notices and anecdotes of men who were prominent actors in the early history of the State.

7. All works relating to the history of Vermont, its Colleges, Grammar Schools, Academies and Seminaries; minutes and proceedings of Scientific and Literary Associations, orations, sermons, addresses, tracts, essays, pamphlets, and poems written or delivered on any public occasion, or commemorative of any remarkable event; magazines, almanacs, registers, reviews, and newspapers from their first introduction into the State.

8. Tables of exports and imports, prices current, reports and maps of rail-roads, reports of canals, banks, and insurance offices; notices of the rise and progress of agriculture and manufactures of every kind.

9. Militia returns and regulations; the number, location, and organization of volunteer corps; the names of field, staff and general officers; descriptions of all fortifications that have been or are now in existence in the State; notices of battles and battle fields, and of invasions and depredations since the first discovery of Vermont by Champlain.

10. Pamphlets, manuscripts, diaries, narratives, and other writings, illustrative of our early history, of the settlement of the New Hampshire Grants and the controversy in regard thereto; of the period before the war of 1812, of the war itself, and of the subsequent period.

11. Histories and facts bearing upon the history of all the religious denominations, churches and societies in the State, including reports and journals of conventions, synods, conferences, Bible and colonization societies, associations, and other bodies, and notices of leading bishops, priests; ministers and members.

12. Essays, statements, and papers upon any subject or period in our history, including, also, scientific observations and discoveries.

13. Files, and bound volumes of old newspapers, and copies of every periodical, pamphlet, book, engraving and map, published in the State. We especially desire copies of everything hereafter published in the State, and we propose to preserve complete copies and files of every publication, so far as they are furnished by the publishers, editors or authors.

14. Books, pamphlets, magazines, papers, and maps, illustrative of Vermont and American history, and especially all works on

American, Canadian, and Indian history, and books of travel and adventure.

15. Statues, portraits, pictures, engravings, lithographs, autographs, coins, arms, relics, and curiosities of every kind connected with the history of this State, or its distinguished men, and such as illustrate the progress of the fine arts in Vermont.

16. *Every variety of contribution* illustrative of the natural history of Vermont, its mineral wealth, its climate and productions, both vegetable and animal.

To the accomplishment of this purpose, the Board of Managers pledge their untiring effort; and they beg leave to call public attention to the importance of rendering to the Vermont Historical Society a prompt, earnest and real support. The Society is not local, but its field of operation is the whole State; and the cordial and active sympathy of every Vermonter interested in its objects, we hope, will be enlisted. A large accession to its membership is desirable and necessary to its permanent success; and the efforts of all are earnestly requested to aid in adding to our list of members. The initiation fee of two dollars, and the annual payment of one dollar into the treasury of the Society, is important as material aid in defraying the pecuniary expenses indispensable to the active operations of the Society; but of far less importance than to engage a large number of persons in every County in the State in zealous efforts to advance the objects of the Society. The nature of the collections to be made, and the information to be gathered and preserved, is so varied in its character, that every one can render aid to the Society.

Donors and contributors may rely upon having their contributions and donations duly acknowledged, carefully catalogued, arranged and preserved.

To meet an obvious want, the Society has made provision for special meetings, at Burlington on the fourth Wednesday of January, and at Brattleboro on the third Wednesday of July, in each year, to enable persons in different sections of the State to attend upon the special meetings of the Society, and to facilitate the economical reception of such donations and contributions as may be made to its Library and Cabinet. At all meetings such donations and contributions will be announced, papers of interest will be read, and other measures taken to make the results of the Society's operations known, and to increase public interest therein.

A committee has already been appointed to prepare for publica-

tion a volume of the proceedings and collections of the Society for the first twenty years of its existence. We hope to be able to print this volume at no distant day, and to publish annual reports, in which shall be embodied papers of interest, and a full account of the Society's condition, collections and operations.

It is impossible, of course, that personal solicitations should be made for membership. Those who desire to become members are requested to send their names to the Treasurer, with the initiation fee of two dollars. We hope that this will be done *promptly*, that the Board of Managers may have the advantage of their means, and the aid of their sympathy, in the renewal of their labors on behalf of the Society.

Contributions to the Library or Cabinet may be left with any of the Officers of the Society, or be forwarded to the Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, or Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. Duplicates will be used in exchange with kindred associations.

The Board of Managers would respectfully add, that while in the foregoing specifications they have held their own State in special regard, yet they do not wish to limit their collection to topics of local interest. They solicit contributions of everything which can elucidate the history of North America generally, as well as Vermont in particular; and they sincerely hope that this call upon the liberality of those who honor Vermont, and desire to perpetuate the faithful records of her organization and existence, will be responded to with an ardor and alacrity that will insure the speedy and complete success of the Vermont Historical Society.

By order of the Board of Managers,

GEORGE F. HOUGHTON,

Recording Secretary.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VERMONT HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, as follows :

SEC. 1. Henry Stevens, of Barnet, in the County of Caledonia, and Oramel H. Smith, Daniel P. Thompson and George B. Manser, of Montpelier, in the County of Washington, and such other persons as have associated and may hereafter associate themselves with them, for the purpose of collecting and preserving materials for the civil and natural history of the State of Vermont, are hereby made a body corporate and politic, by the name of *The Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society*; and by that name they, and their successors, may sue and be sued; and shall be capable in law to take and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, lands, and tenements, and rents, and hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole, the yearly value of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the building or buildings, which may be actually occupied for the purposes of the said corporation; and they shall also be capable in law, to take, receive and hold, personal estate, to an amount, the yearly value of which, shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the books, papers, memorials and other articles composing the library and cabinet of the said corporation; and shall also have power to sell, demise, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all, or part of their lands, tenements, hereditaments and other property, for the benefit of said corporation, and shall also have a common seal, which they may alter at their pleasure, and shall also have power to make by-laws, with suitable penalties, not repugnant to the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have power from time to time, as they may think fit, to elect a President and such other officers as they shall judge necessary; and at their first meeting, they may agree upon the manner of calling future meetings, and proceed to execute all, or any of the powers vested in them by this act.

SEC. 3. The library and cabinet of the said corporation shall be kept in the town of Barnet, in the county of Caledonia.

SEC. 4. The said Henry Stevens is authorized to notify the first meeting of the said corporation by an advertisement thereof, under his hand, for three weeks before such meeting, in any newspaper printed in this State.

Approved, November 5, 1838.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE VERMONT HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN
SOCIETY.

It is hereby enacted, &c.,

SEC. 1. Section three of "An Act to incorporate the Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society," requiring that the cabinet and library of the said corporation shall be kept in the town of Barnet, in the county of Caledonia, is hereby repealed.

Approved, November 25, 1858.

AN ACT ALTERING THE NAME OF THE VERMONT
HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

SEC. 1. The Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society shall hereafter be known as, and called, "The Vermont Historical Society," and by that name shall be entitled to the rights and privileges, and subject to the duties granted and imposed by the act incorporating said society, approved Nov. 5, 1838.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved Nov. 16, 1859.

AN ACT PROVIDING A ROOM IN THE CAPITOL FOR
THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

SEC. 1. The use of room number nine, used as the general committee room, in the State House, is hereby granted to the Vermont Historical Society, for the preservation of the library, and for the business purposes of said Society; said occupancy, at all times, to be under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms, he being directed to prepare the same for the occupancy aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The occupancy of said room, by the said Vermont Historical Society, shall in no wise interfere with the use of said room by committees of the legislature.

SEC. 3. This act shall at all times be under the control of the legislature, to amend or repeal, at its discretion.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1859.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called "The Vermont Historical Society," and shall consist of Resident, Corresponding and Honorary members.

ARTICLE II. The object of the Society shall be to discover, collect and preserve, whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of the State of Vermont, and shall comprise three departments: (1,) *The Historical*, having for its object the preservation of whatever relates to the topography, antiquities, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of the State; (2,) That of *Natural History*, for the formation of a cabinet of natural productions, and more especially those of VERMONT, and for a library of standard works on the natural sciences; And (3,) the *Horticultural*, for promoting a taste for the cultivation of choice fruits and flowers, and also for collecting works on horticulture and agriculture, in connection with the general library.

ARTICLE III. The officers of the Society, to be elected annually, and by ballot, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two corresponding Secretaries of foreign and domestic correspondence, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, a Treasurer, and seven Curators from different Counties in the State.

ARTICLE IV. There shall be one annual and two special meetings of the Society in every year. The annual meeting, for the election of officers, shall be at MONTPELIER on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of October; the special meetings shall be at BURLINGTON on the fourth Wednesday of January, and at BRATTLEBORO on the third Wednesday of July in every year.

ARTICLE V. All members (Honorary and Corresponding members excepted, with whom it shall be optional,) shall pay, on admission, the sum of two dollars, and an additional sum of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE VI. Members shall be elected upon the recommendation in writing of any member of the Society.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present,—provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given at the next preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1859.

CHAPTER I.

OF MEMBERS.

1. Members only shall be entitled to vote, or be eligible to any office.
2. No person residing in this State can be a corresponding member. A member on removing from the State may become a corresponding member on giving notice of his removal, and paying all arrears; and a corresponding member cannot continue such after returning to the State for a permanent residence, but may become a resident member.
3. No member, who shall be in arrear for two years, shall be entitled to vote, or be eligible to any office, and any failure to pay annual dues for two consecutive years, after due notice from the Treasurer, shall be considered a forfeiture of membership; and no person thus expunged from the roll of the Society can be eligible to re-admission without the payment of his arrears.
4. No person shall be elected a resident member until he shall have previously signified his desire to become such.
5. The yearly assessment is payable at the annual meeting in October.

CHAPTER II.

OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

1. The President, or in his absence, the highest officer present, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and regulate the order thereof, and be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Managers, and, when required, to give the casting vote.
2. One of the Vice Presidents, with two Curators, shall be a Committee to manage and superintend the Historical Department. Another Vice President, with two Curators, shall be a Committee to manage and superintend the department of Natural History. The other Vice President, with two Curators, shall be a Committee to manage and superintend the department of Horticulture.
3. It shall be the duty of these Committees to make a written report at the annual meeting in October upon the condition of their respective departments.
4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society in a suitable book, and at the opening of each one shall read those of the preceding one. He shall have the custody of the Constitution, By-Laws, Records and all papers of the Society, and shall give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and shall notify all officers and members of their

election, and communicate all special votes of the Society to parties interested therein. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, his duty shall be performed by one of the Corresponding Secretaries.

5. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society. They shall preserve on file the originals of all communications addressed to the Society, and keep a fair copy of all their letters in books furnished for that purpose. They shall read at each meeting the correspondence, or such abstracts from it as the President may direct, which has been sustained since the previous meeting.

6. The Treasurer shall collect, receive and disburse, all moneys due and payable, and all donations and bequests of money or other property to the Society. He shall pay, under proper vouchers, all the ordinary expenses of the Society, and shall deposit all its funds in one of the Vermont Banks, to the credit of the Society, subject to his checks as Treasurer; and at the annual meeting shall make a true report of all moneys received and paid out by him, to be audited by the Committee on Finance provided for hereafter.

7. It shall be the duty of the Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, to preserve, arrange, and keep in good order, all specimens of natural history, books, manuscripts, documents, pamphlets and papers of every kind, belonging to the Society. He shall keep a catalogue of the same, and take especial care that no book, manuscript, document, paper, or any property of the Society, confided to his keeping, be removed from the room. He shall also be furnished with a book, in which to record all donations and bequests, of whatsoever kind, relating to his department, with the name of the donor, and the time when bestowed.

8. The Curators, with the President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be, to superintend the general concerns of the Society. The President shall, from this Board, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.:—On the Library and Cabinet, on Printing and Publishing, and on Finance.

9. The Committee on the Library and Cabinet shall have the supervisory care of all the printed publications, manuscripts, and curiosities. They shall, with the Librarian, provide suitable shelves, cases and fixtures, in which to arrange and display them. The printed volumes and manuscripts shall be regularly numbered and marked with the name of the "Vermont Historical Society." They shall propose, at the regular meetings, such books or manuscripts pertaining to the object of the Society, as they shall deem expedient, which, when approved, shall be by them purchased, and disposed of as above directed. They shall be required to visit the Library at least once a year, officially—and shall provide a book or books, in which the Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall keep a record of their proceedings—and be entrusted, in general, with the custody, care and increase, of whatever comes within the province of their appointed duty.

10. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall prepare for publication whatever documents or collections shall be ordered by the Society ; shall contract for, and supervise the printing of the same, and shall furnish the Recording Secretary and Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, with such blank notices, summonses, labels, &c., as may be deemed requisite.

11. The Committee on Finance shall consist of at least one member of each of the former Committees, and shall have the general oversight and direction of the funds of the Society. They shall examine the books of the Treasurer, vouch all accounts of moneys expended, and audit his annual report.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE CABINET, LIBRARY, &C.

1. All donations to the Cabinet, or Library, when practicable, shall have the donor's name, legibly written or printed, affixed thereto.

2. No article, the property of the Society, shall be removed from the Historical Room without the consent of the Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, or one of the Curators.

3. All donations shall be promptly acknowledged by the Librarian and Cabinet Keeper on behalf of the Society, and shall be specified by that officer in his report to the Society to be made at the annual meeting in October.

4. The Library and Cabinet Keeper shall make a written report of the condition of the Library and Cabinet at the annual meeting in October.

5. All reports of Committees must be in writing, and addressed to the President, and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the Society.

6. It shall be deemed the duty of all members, if convenient, to contribute to the Library and Cabinet such papers, pamphlets, books (rare or out of print), which possess historical interest, and such natural products as may illustrate the natural history of the State.

7. The Society shall appoint at the annual meeting one of the Resident, Corresponding or Honorary Members of the Society, to deliver an historical discourse at the succeeding annual meeting, and invite members of the Society to prepare papers relating to distinguished Vermonters, or the civil and natural history of Vermont, to be read at the annual or special meetings of the Society, which papers shall be preserved, by the Recording Secretary, for use or publication in the Transactions of the Society.

8. Notices of the death of such members of this Historical Society, and eminent Vermonters, as may de cease during the year preceding the annual meeting of the Society, shall be prepared under the direction of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and be read at the annual meeting in October, and be deposited in the archives of the Society for future use and reference.

A List of Resident Members of the Vermont Historical Society, November 18, 1859.

625 The decease of Members is indicated by a * prefixed to their names.

- Adams, J. Sullivan, Burlington.
 Adams, Benjamin F.
 Adams, Samuel L., Cavendish.
 Alken, Frederick A., West Randolph.
 Aldin, Asa Owen, St. Albans.
 Aldrich, Joshua M., Weathersfield.
 *Allen, Heman, Highgate.
 *Allen, Heman, Burlington.
 Ames, Berenice D., Charlotte.
 Bailey, Albert H., East Berkshire.
 Baldwin, Daniel, Montpelier.
 Barber, Merritt, Pownal.
 Barney, George, Swanton.
 Barnes, Melvin, Grand Isle.
 Barrett, James, Woodstock.
 Baxter, Henry, Highgate.
 Baxter, H. H., Rutland.
 Benedict, George W., Burlington.
 Bigelow, George H., Burlington.
 Blake, William H., Swanton.
 Brace, J., Waterbury.
 Brainerd, Lawrence, St. Albans.
 Bradley, William C., Westminster.
 Bradley, J. Dorr, Brattleboro.
 Briggs, Lyman.
 Butler, J. D., Madison, Wis.
 Camp, David M., Montpelier.
 Canfield, Thomas H., Burlington.
 Carter, Abel, Montpelier.
 Chandler, W. S., Lunenburg.
 *Chipman, Daniel, Ripton.
 *Chipman, Nathaniel, Tinnmouth.
 Chittenden, Lucius E., Burlington.
 Clark, Henry, Poultney.
 Clark, Ranslure W., Brattleboro.
 Clarke, De Witt C., Burlington.
 Colby, Stoddard B., Montpelier.
 Cole, Henry A., Shaftsbury.
 Collamer, Jacob, Woodstock.
 Coolidge, Carlos, Windsor.
 Converse, John K., Burlington.
 *Crafts, Samuel C., Craftsbury.
 Cummings, Charles, Brattleboro.
 Curtis, Jasper, St. Albans.
 Cutts, Hampden, North Hartland.
 Davis, James, St. Albans.
 Davis, Wilbur P., Woodstock.
 Davis, Ira, Norwich.
 Dean, Benjamin W., Grafton.
 Deane, John F., Cavendish.
 Dewey, Charles, Montpelier.
 Dewey, Charles C., Wells River.
 Dewey, Osman, Berlin.
 Eastman, Charles G., Montpelier.
 Edmunds, George F., Burlington.
 *Farr, Elijah, Newbury.
 Fay, Samuel, Bennington.
 Ferris, Lynde C., Swanton.
 Field, Charles K., Newfane.
 Fletcher, Ryland, Cavendish.
 Folsom, George, Brattleboro.
 Foot, Solomon, Rutland.
 French, Jeremiah, Burlington.
 Gallup, Lewis F., Woodstock.
 Gardner, A. B., Bennington.
 Gleed, Thomas, Morristown.
 *Goodrich, Chauncey, Burlington.
 Grandey, George W., Vergennes.
 Gridley, John, Mobile, Ala.
 Hager, Albert D., Proctorsville.
 Hall, Hiland, North Bennington.
 Hall, Samuel E., Brownston.
 Hall, George M., Swanton.
 Hall, Henry, Rutland.
 Hall, Nathaniel B., Bennington.
 Harris, Benjamin D., Brattleboro.
 Harrington, Giles, Alburgh Springs.
 *Haswell, Anthony J., Bennington.
 *Hayden, Chauncey H., Randolph.
 Hicks, John A., Rutland.
 Hinman, George A., West Charleston.
 Hitchcock, Edward, Amherst, Mass.
 Hodges, Silas H., Rutland.
 Houghton, George F., St. Albans.
 Howe, Zimri, Castleton.
 Hoyt, William Henry, Burlington.
 *Huntoon, Ariel, Hydepark.
 Hunton, Augustus P., Bethel.
 Hunt, Samuel L., Guilford.
 *Hyde, Archibald W., Burlington.
 *Janison, Silas H., Shoreham.
 Kellogg, Loyal C., Benson.
 Kellogg, Daniel, Brattleboro.
 Kellogg, George B., Brattleboro.
 Kimball, John H., Putney.
 Linsley, Charles, Rutland.
 Lord, W. H., Montpelier.
 Lyman, George, Bennington.
 Lyman, A. F., Bennington.
 Malcom, W. D., Montpelier.
 Mantley, E. M., Poultney.
 Manser, George B., Bennington.
 Marsh, George P., Burlington.
 *Mattocks, George, Danville.
 *Mattocks, John, Peacham.
 Mead, Larkin G., Brattleboro.
 *Merrill, Thomas A., Middlebury.
 Merrill, Orsamus C., Bennington.
 Miner, Henry E., Manchester.
 Morgan, Edward N. S., Pownal.
 Morrill, Justin S., Strafford.
 Needham, Daniel, Hartford.
 Newton, Calvin S., Norwich.
 Nichols, George, Northfield.
 Noble, George N., Tinnmouth.
 Olmstead, Franklin W., Bridport.
 Ormsby, R. McKinley, Bradford.
 Paddock, James A., St. Johnsbury.
 *Paine, Charles, Northfield.
 Paine, Charles S., Randolph.
 Palmer, H. H., Ludlow.
 Parker, C. C., Waterbury.
 Pease, Calvin, Burlington.
 Perkins, E. L., Stowe.
 Perkins, Joseph, Castleton.
 Perry, John B., Swanton.
 Phelps, Edward E., Windsor.
 Phelps, Edward J., Burlington.
 Phelps, James H., West Townshend.
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 Rand, Jasper, West Berkshire.
 Redfield, Isaac F., Windsor.
 Ripley, Sylvanus, Montpelier.
 Roberts, Daniel, Burlington.
 *Robinson, Jr., David, Bennington.
 Robinson, John S., Bennington.
 Robinson, Aaron, Bennington.
 Royce, Homer E., East Berkshire.
 *Russell, David, Burlington.
 Samson, Amos J., St. Albans.
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 Shedd, William G. T., Andover, Mass.
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 Smalley, E. Marvin, Swanton.
 *Smith, Worthington, St. Albans.
 Smith, John G., St. Albans.
 Smith, Oramel H., Montpelier.
 *Slade, William, Middlebury.
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 Stevens, Benj. F., Burlington.
 Stevens, Jr., Henry, London, England.
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 Sumner, Samuel, So. Troy.
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 *Thompson, Zadock, Burlington.

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 Williams, Norman, Woodstock.
 Williams, Charles L., Rutland.
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 Wheeler, John B., Burlington.
 *White, Phineas, Putney.
 White, Pliny H., Coventry.
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Names of Gentlemen who have pronounced addresses
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October, 1842. HON. HILAND HALL, of North Bennington.

" 1843. HENRY STEVENS, Esq., of Barnet.

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" 1850. HON. DANIEL P. THOMPSON, of Montpelier.

" 1852. REV. WORTHINGTON SMITH, D. D., of St. Albans.

" 1857. GEORGE F. HOUGHTON, Esq., of St. Albans, by special request, an Eulogy on the late ZADOCK THOMPSON.

" 1858. Oration by the Rev. PLINY H. WHITE, of Coventry, and an Essay by ALBERT D. HAGER, Esq., of Proctorsville.

" 1859. Oration by the Hon. GEORGE FOLSOM, of New York City, and a Biographical Memoir of ROLLIN C. MALLORY, by HENRY CLARK, Esq., of Poultney.

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NOTE.—*Special* meetings of the Society will be holden at Burlington on the fourth Wednesday (25th) of January, 1860, at Brattleboro' on the third Wednesday (18th) of July, 1860; and the *Annual* meeting will be holden at Montpelier, on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday (16th) of October, 1860, at the Historical Room, in the State House.





